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(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the approved educational institutions whose Diploma in Mining Engineering has been recognised?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) The Diploma has been prescribed as a qualification for recruitment to the post of Superintendent, Factory for Crushing Quarts and Limestone, Salem. The question of according general recognition is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) No other Diploma in Mining Engineering has been recognized.

Block Development Areas and Fisheries Block (Ramanathapuram)

* 828 Q.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. VINAYAKAM) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are Block Development areas in Ramanathapuram district; and

(b) whether there are Fisheries Blocks in Ramanathapuram?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Thiruvattar and Alagiamandapam blocks (formation)

* 829 Q.— SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) when will the Thiruvattar and Alagiamandapam blocks be formed in the Kanyakumari district; and

(b) the reason for the delay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) There is no block called Alagiamandapam in the Kanyakumari ditrict. Of the nine blocks into which the district has been delimited seven have been taken up already under the Community Development Programme. The two blocks remaining to be taken up are Thuckalay and Thiruvattar. There has been no avoidable delay in taking up these blocks. According to the present policy of Government, these blocks will be taken up before October 1962 (for pre-extension work).

Working of the Co-operative Societies (foreign countries)

* 830 Q.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons sent or to be sent from the Co-operative Department for studying the working of the Co-operative Societies in foreign countries;